

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES – APPROVED

Monday, September 11, 2023

6:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church

OFFICERS: Keri Bancroft, Nicki Brown, Leslie Campbell, Tammy Nemeskal, Amber Pomper

TEEN REPS: Marin Barrett, Noah Send, Kelsey Bott, Holly Heuser, Ellie McKenzie, Collin Heuser, and Darlene Wilcoxon.

STAFF: Rosalie Collier, Ali Olson, Kristy Oosterhouse,

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL (See Attached)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Gretchen – a moment of silence in observance of 9/11.

Keri – under Treasurer's Report add b.) buyers luncheon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved. Motion by Kelly Stockfisch, 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved. Motion by Jason Gill, 2nd by Michelle Reinke.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See Financial Report)

a.) Auction Update

b.) Buyers Luncheon – was over budget due to cuts from the bylaw proposals last year.

We had to cut \$6,500 and a portion of that came from Buyers Luncheon.

The cost of groceries has gone up and some of our donations that we usually receive did not come this year. So, we need a motion to approve \$1,865.65 to come out of the general fund to cover the overage cost.

Mary Lynn – what is the exact total for the Luncheon?

Keri – we received a donation of \$2000 from Johnson Foundation. Laurie has the total cost at \$6,966.17 and we budgeted \$5,000.

Moved by Mark Barley and 2nd by Lisa Ralph, Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT*

None

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Frank – Thank you all for a fantastic 2023 Fair! There seemed to be an increase in attendance and our camping was full. Great job working with Karen and Mike with coordinating. There seemed to be less drama this year and hats off to the Livestock Council and 4-H families.

Manure duty changed to 11pm instead of 5:30am. This seemed to work well and we will stick with it for next year too.

Updates to our online registration are happening and we will be updating our emails to an actual domain versus gmail.

Housekeeping note – our cleaning staff for our restrooms had some major concerns about the restrooms in FEMA. A faucet was ripped off in bathroom number one, several toilets became clogged and just general cleanliness. Please be respectful of these facilities.

Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions or feedback, to:

nwmifair@gmail.com

Or Facebook Messenger as a private message

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Grand Traverse (_____) –

Grand Traverse County 4-H Fall Leader Updates: As you may be aware, Emily Kotz has left her position as the 4-H Program Coordinator for Grand Traverse County. While they fill the position, you can reach out to the general Grand Traverse County MSU Extension phone or email at 231-922-4620 or msue.grandtraverse@county.msu.edu. You can also reach out to our supervisor Kristy Oosterhouse with questions about the program at oosterh6@msu.edu. Grand Traverse County 4-H leaders should have already received an email from Kristy regarding how to sign up for the Fall Leader Update meetings. Please let her know if you did not receive this email and she will send the information out to you again directly. Their Fall Leader Meetings will be taking place on **September 21st from 6:00-7:30 pm and on October 4th from 6:00-7:30 pm** at the Grand Traverse County Office on W. Front Street. Dinner will be provided. These meetings are mandatory for club leaders to attend, provide the needed annual financial documents, and go over mandatory training requirements. You will register for one of the meetings using the SignUpGenius links from the email.

Benzie County (Ali Olson) – None

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) –

4HOnline Enrollment Time: All registered 4-H volunteers and 4-H youth should enroll in 4HOnline again for this new 4-H year, starting this Friday the 15th. Remember to choose the county where your primary club is held, even if you don't live in that county. Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to re-enroll (if you have been a past member) or enroll (if you are a brand-new member). We also have paper forms you can use. A new requirement for your enrollments this year is adding your insurance information. If you do not have insurance, you can just answer N/A. Please reach out to your specific county office for assistance with the enrollment process.

4-H Club Leaders: We must have every club complete the Annual Financial Summary Report by October 15th this year—no exceptions. If clubs do not comply with this, the club disbanding process will be started. We 4-H staff want to help you with this and meet this deadline—please reach out to us! Even if your club does not have a bank account, if your club is chartered and has an EIN, you still need to complete this form (with lots of zeroes on it). We also need the signed Civil Rights Compliance form (county specific), as well as a copy of your club minutes from last year (September 1, 2022-August 31, 2023). Each county may have other paperwork for you to fill out, but these three are required by MSU annually in order for your club to be considered active in the system. We also want to remind all clubs that in order to be a club, you must have 5 youth members, from at least two different families. It's very helpful if you let us know that you are ready to take on new members—we can share that with interested families.

Leelanau County 4-H Fall Leader Updates: I am doing these one-on-one, by appointment. I will need to meet with one leader from every club in Leelanau, and we will get paperwork filled out and talk about this coming 4-H year. Please reach out to me with good days and times, and we can also arrange how we would like to meet (in-person or on Zoom). Chocolate and thank-you gifts will be provided! We will also be talking about nominating your club members for awards to be shared at the Leelanau County 4-H Awards celebration, which we are holding this winter in conjunction with our annual 4H4ALL event in Maple City at the Lions Club. We basically provide a mini Expo for the public, showing off what our clubs do, have some great food, drink some hot chocolate, give away some free prizes, and then we'll hold our awards celebration. Save that date of Sunday, January 14th from 2-5 pm. All are welcome!

Leelanau County School Farm Markets: We are holding outdoor school farm markets this fall at five of our county schools. As usual, we are inviting club members/adult volunteers to help us with providing some small animals or poultry for a petting zoo section at any of the markets. Rabbits, cavies, poultry, and goats are just the right size for these events! Set up is about an hour before the market starts.

Leland School – Thursday, 9/14/23; 9am-noon

Suttons Bay School – Thursday, 9/21/23; 9am-noon

Lake Leelanau St Mary's – Thursday, 10/5/23; 9am-noon

Glen Lake School – Tuesday, 10/10/22; 9am-noon

Northport School – Thursday, 10/19/23; 9:30am-12:30pm

Free smoothies and other treats, and lots of fun outreach with excited kids! It's really nice if your kids go to school there. Please call or email me if you could join us for any of those dates. collierr@msu.edu

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign: October 4th through the 15th. Leelanau and Grand Traverse share the proceeds of the fundraising from the clover campaign at our wonderful US-31 store in Traverse City, and twice a year the clover campaign brings in amazing donations that our counties use for scholarships for our 4-H'ers to attend camps and fun events like 4-H Exploration Days. If you are able to, please donate at any of our local stores, or, even better, set up a time for your club to help in some way at the store, set up a booth, hold a bake sale fundraiser, or show off some smaller animals. A big thank you to Tractor Supply for their support of our 4-H youth over the years!

OLD BUSINESS:

a.) 2023 Fair Wrap Up

i. _____ Record Books Due tonight (9/11)– Hard Copies Required

ii. _____ Cattle Program – Town Hall Meeting 10/2/23 @ 5:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church

iii. _____ Pictures will be handed out by the end of the meeting. They will be sorted by club.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES: (This will happen at the Saturday Awards Banquet, but anyone who has anything tonight is welcome to share.)

- **Differently Abled – Beth Stephens**

Thank you so much to all of our species chairs for making our DA program so successful and run so smoothly, especially to Jen and the swine program for coming through with a last minute DA show. Thank you so much!

Any questions, please Call (231) 883-6189.

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

We have 3 Nigerian dwarf weathers available, as well as two bred does and a buck. If you are interested or in need, I can get you in touch with those families.
Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**

Looking for a 4-H family wanting to participate in the dog program, as there are 2 golden retriever 6 month old pups available for free provided that they participate in the 2024 dog program.

Any questions please reach out: ges5250@gmail.com or 231-883-3378.

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

Anyone looking to participate in the Cavy (guinea pig) program, there is a family that has 18 available. They range in age and you don't have to take them all! Let me know if you're interested.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call: 231-633-4492

- **Large Beef – Crystal Breithaupt**

Many of our kids are already starting to purchase their animals for the upcoming year, I have seen lots of pictures already. If you're still looking then I am happy to get you in touch with a breeder.

Also, with this up and down weather please watch your cattle closely. This is not a good time for them and especially when you are traveling with them to bring them home, shipping fever can happen. Contact your veterinarian right away if you have concerns.
For any questions you can call Crystal: 231-620-0407.

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

Get on a list for productions pullets now.

Call or text with any questions, 231-357-5132.

- **Dairy Feeder – Greg Bancroft**

It's quite a while before possession, but if you have anyone in need or looking for a project, please let me know.

If you have any questions, please call or email:
gbancroft1976@gmail.com 231-313-8063

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions: Mandy DePuy -
mandydepuy@gmail.com
231-649-3102

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

Facebook page: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council
Feel free to reach out if you have any questions: 231-357-6898

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

Call or text with questions: 231-357-0777, jr.beef4h@yahoo.com

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

If you have any questions, you can call: Kathy Easter 231-499-7434, ndalpacas@aol.com
Renee Hobbins 231-835-0441, hobbins@centurytel.net

- **Swine – Jennifer Davis**

You can text or call with any questions 231-649-2443. Email: swinebarn4h@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Species Chair Applications Due by Midnight on 9/11:
Dairy Feeder (2 year), Poultry (3 year), Llama/Alpaca (3 year), Lamb (3 year),
Swine (1 year)
- b. Teen Rep Applications Due by Midnight on 9/11
- c. 2024 Project Donations – cards available on the front table. Please turn those in by
October 15th.

Mary Lynn – if they won this year are they eligible?

Keri – they could not win the same species they had previously won, but they could win a different species. So for instance, if they won a lamb this year they could not register for a lamb again. If they won a feed grant, they wouldn't be able to register for a feed grant again. Those rules and regulations will be updated and put out before the November meeting.

OCTOBER MEETING

- a. Thank You Notes Due in October
- b. Checks Passed Out
- c. Voting for Species Chairs
- d. Executive Board Applications Due by Midnight:
Vice President (2 year), Treasurer (2 year), Secretary (1 year)
- e. Discussion of Proposed By-law changes – proposals due to Keri tonight (9/11) by midnight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

QUESTIONS

Mary Lynn – why aren't we offering the red banners to our buyers anymore?

Keri – due to cost.

Mary Lynn – How much?

Keri – total cost of \$4,000 but if they are being requested we can certainly look into that for next year.

Mary Lynn – could we look into changing the color to green and not putting a year on them so that we could reuse them?

Keri – we can absolutely look into that.

Comment – We could stop purchasing participation ribbons.

Keri – we don't purchase the ribbons, those come from the fair.

Comment – why don't we have banners for Grand and Reserve Dog?

Gretchen – we do. We just don't have banners that hang in a barn because we don't have a barn.

Tammy – there is only one banner per buyer right, as far as cost?

Keri – yes, just one banner per buyer regardless of how many species they purchase.

Mary Lynn – I just think it would be worth looking into. Is it a local company?

Keri – no, it's a bulk purchase. So we can look back into that.

Mary Lynn – if you get me the information, I am happy to look into it.

Keri – Ok, perfect let's talk. Even if there is a suggestion of something more cost effective let us know. Thank you.

Keri – I just want to thank you all for such a great 2023 Fair Week.

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by Gwyn Carter, 2nd by Lisa Ralph.

Time: 7:15p.m.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2023 @ 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church